



## PARISH COUNCIL OF DENMEAD

MINUTES OF THE COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON WEDNESDAY 24  
FEBRUARY 2016 IN THE DENMEAD COMMUNITY CENTRE, OLD  
SCHOOL, SCHOOL LANE, DENMEAD COMMENCING AT 7.30 pm

<u>Members:</u>	Cllr K Andreoli (Chairman)	(P)	Cllr I Brown	(P)
	Cllr C Hargreaves	(P)	Cllr F Hull	(P)
	Cllr A Huntington	(P)	Cllr H Jackson	(P)
	Cllr N Lander-Brinkley	(P)	Cllr P Langford-Smith	(P)
	Cllr S Nienaltowski	(P)	Cllr N Rusbridger	(P)
	Cllr K Scholey	(P)	Cllr G West	(P)
	Cllr M Willoughby	(P)		

Also present: One member of the public and County Councillor Patricia Stallard. Also present was Mr Tony Daniells, Clerk to the Council.

097/16C **Apologies** There were no apologies for absence.

098/16C **Declarations of Interest** There were no Declarations of Interest made at this time.

099/16C **Minutes of the previous Meetings:** The Minutes of the Council Meeting held on the 13 January 2016 were submitted for approval. It was **unanimously RESOLVED that the Minutes be accepted as an accurate record and were duly signed by the Chairman.**

100/16C **Public Participation (S.O 1 (d)):** The meeting was adjourned at 7.35pm to allow a member of the public to address Council. The meeting reconvened at 7.41pm.

### 101/16C **County and District Councillors Reports**

- (a) C/C Stallard gave a verbal report. Hampshire would receive a much reduced Revenue Support Grant. HCC had anticipated a cut in the grant of £19M, but it had turned out to be £48M. HCC had written to Westminster which had resulted in an increase to the grant of £9M. By 2019/20, there would be no Revenue Support Grant for anyone. Council Tax for HCC would increase by 3.9%. Those authorities who provided social services were allowed to increase the Tax by 2% for this service. As a result of the reduced grant, she anticipated that there would be redundancies of HCC staff and cuts to services. In their devolution bid, HCC had built their case on retaining 100% of the Business Rate but Government had given no undertaking on this.
- (b) Apologies for absence were received from D/Cllrs Read and Phillips. There was no written report to receive. **NOTED.**

### 102/16C **Vacancies on the Parish Council**

- (a) Two applications had been received to fill the vacancies for Councillors on the Parish Council. Both had submitted comprehensive CV's which had been previously circulated. Both applicants were present at the meeting. Applicants answered questions put to them by Councillors. **It was unanimously RESOLVED that Mrs Anne Huntington and Mrs Helen Jackson were co-opted onto the Council.**
- (b) **It was unanimously RESOLVED that Cllr Huntington would serve on the Planning and Highways & General Purposes Committees and that Cllr Jackson would serve on the Amenities and Highways & General Purposes Committees.** Both Councillors signed an Acceptance of Office and joined the Council for the remainder of the meeting. Cllr Nienaltowski referred to an induction meeting held by the Clerk for new councillors and recommended this to the new councillors. He would organise a repeat of this session.

At the request of a member of the public, the Chairman agreed that the item on the Boundary Survey would be taken as the next item of business.

**103/16C** **Boundary Survey:** The Clerk reported that the surveyor's report defining the boundary had now been received. This confirmed that the boundary ran in a straight line with the houses at Ashling Gardens that bordered this land. He had drafted a letter to send to the households to confirm the position of the boundary and ask that fences that were out of alignment with the boundary were repositioned to the boundary. If further costs were incurred as a result of disputing the outcome, then the Council would look to recover these costs. The use of boundary markers was also suggested. **It was unanimously AGREED that all households that bordered the land at Heath Field would be advised of the boundary position and that boundary markers would be deployed.**

**104/16C** **Correspondence**

- (a) HALC e-update: The February update had been previously circulated to all Councillors. There were no matters arising from the update. **NOTED.**
- (b) HCC: An invitation to a civic event to a County Service to celebrate Her Majesty The Queen's 90th Birthday had been received. **It was unanimously RESOLVED that the Chairman should attend as an approved duty.**
- (c) WCC: Notification had been received that a Small Grants Scheme was open for applications. **It was RESOLVED that the Clerk would apply for a grant to cover the cost of first aid training for residents of Denmead who had expressed an interest in attending this training.**
- (d) Solent Overlord: Organisers of the Show had advised the Council that this event would take place over the 2016 May Bank Holiday. Council requested details of contingency plans should the weather be wet. Use of Goodman Fields car park had not been requested and would not be permitted for military vehicles. The event should have sufficient marshals to control access to and from the site. Parking should not be allowed in nearby roads or on any grass verges. **It was AGREED that the Clerk would communicate these message to the organisers.**
- (e) Mayor of Winchester's Community Awards: A nomination for an award for Anne Davies had been accepted. She would be unable to attend in person to accept her award, and as such, the Chairman would not attend the Award Ceremony. Cllr Lander-Brinkley advised that he had been nominated for an award for his work in preparing the Denmead Neighbourhood Plan and he would be attending. **NOTED.**
- (f) WCC: Licensing Act 2003 - Consultation on the Licensing Policy review. WCC were asking for comments as a result of proposed changes in accordance with Section 5 of the Licensing Act 2003. Cllr Rusbridger would review the changes and make any comments he considered appropriate. **NOTED.**

**105/16C** **Village Matters**

- (a) West of Waterlooville: There had been a meeting of the Advisory Group in January. At this meeting, residents raised an issue with street lighting columns being sited in front gardens, and the Community Officer was holding bi-monthly meetings to start to build a community on the development. The WCC Implementation Officer was leaving her post and her replacement was unknown at present. **NOTED.**
- (b) Town Centre Development Manager: A report had been received and tabled at the meeting. Cllr Nienaltowski offered his support to the Business Forum if required. Council discussed the use of the car park fronting the shops for the Apple Day. Cllr Lander-Brinkley summarised the purpose of the Town Centre Development manager which was to develop business and foster cooperation between the businesses that operated from the village. **NOTED.**
- (c) Old School: The Chairman had no update to give as there had been no meetings recently between the Council and the DCA. The suggestion by the DCA of a full survey of the building was awaiting a decision from the DCA. **NOTED.**
- (d) Revised Village Design Statement (VDS): The VDS had been submitted to WCC who had copied this to their statutory consultees for review. Three comments had been received and reviewed. The VDS would now be presented to WCC Cabinet for adoption as a Supplementary Planning Document at their meeting to be held on 29 February 2016. **NOTED.**
- (e) First Aid Training: The cost to hold training in the village was given as £200. In a discussion on funding the training, there was divided opinion as to whether this should be funded in total or if residents who attended should make a contribution. **It was RESOLVED by a majority that a grant would be applied for but if this was unsuccessful, the cost would be met by a personal contribution from Cllr Brown.**

**106/16C**     **Denmead Scene**

- (a) Issue 127: This issue had now been printed and was awaiting distribution. The Clerk was asked to check distribution and to leave any spare copies of the newsletter in local pubs and with the estate agents to give to new residents to the village. **NOTED.**

**107/16C**     **Southern Parishes Meeting**

The notes of a meeting of the Southern Parishes held on 1 February 2016 were received. Arising from the notes, Councillors considered that the statement on broadband in Denmead should be amended and that village events should be included on the DPC website once known. **NOTED.**

**108/16C**     **Annual Parish Assembly**

- (a) The APA was to be held on 15 March 2016 in the Ashling Pavilion starting at 7.30pm. A speaker from Winchester Action on Climate Change would give a talk on home energy usage and Hampshire Police would give a crime update. The question wall would again be used.
- i. Council considered that a theme for the meeting could be ‘connections’ which would be inline with discussions from the informal meeting which drafted the Council strategy. It was suggested that Cllr Nienaltowski might like to explain this during the introduction.
  - ii. If a sound system was required, then this should be coordinated through Cllr Hull. Name badges would be used to identify Councillors, who would also be introduced at the start of the meeting. The agenda would follow the format as used in the previous year with refreshments being served and allowing informal discussions between Councillors and residents. The formal part of the meeting would follow on afterwards. Advertising of the meeting would make use of banners and posters at the bus stops and notice boards and use of social media. Councillors were asked to help clear up at the end of the meeting.
  - iii. Chairman’s Reports for the Annual Report should reach the Clerk by 10 March 2016.

**109/16C**     **Council Strategy**

- (a) Council had drafted a strategy of what it wants to achieve to take it to the end of its ordinary term to 2019. As not all Councillors took part in the drafting of the Strategy and a summary of the first meeting had not been seen by all Councillors, the Chairman deferred any discussion until a future meeting. This was considered to be an important initiative and it was agreed that a further informal meeting would be arranged to further develop the Strategy. The Clerk would organise this meeting. **NOTED.**

**110/16C**     **Media Policy:** An update to the Media Policy had been prepared but not circulated to all Councillors in time to be discussed at this meeting. The Chairman deferred any discussion until such time as Councillors had been given time to consider the update. **NOTED.**

**111/16C**     **Financial**

- (a) Accounts: The accounts for January had been issued. **NOTED.**
- (c) Orders for Payment (S.O.19): **It was unanimously RESOLVED that the payments detailed on the Orders for Payment (list 15) should be APPROVED in the sum of £6,597.35 including VAT and that receipts of £3,957.45 are noted. Further payments of £13,162.68 (including VAT) made since the last orders of payment were RATIFIED.**

**112/16C**     **To receive the Minutes, Reports, Recommendations and Resolutions from the meetings listed below:-** *Note: In accordance with S.O.9(c) the only Minutes to be received by Council are those that have been approved by the said committee.*

**It was unanimously RESOLVED to accept the Minutes, Reports, Recommendations and Resolutions of the following committee meetings:-**

- (a) Amenities Committee – Minutes 11 November 2015
- (b) Finance, Administration & Personnel Committee – Minutes 16 December 2015
- (c) Highways & General Purposes Committee – Minutes 2 December 2015
- (d) Planning Committee – Minutes 6 & 27 January 2016
- (e) Youth Provision Working Party – 10 November 2015

**113/16C Parish Representation on other bodies and organisations**

- (a) Church: No representative.
- (b) Denmead Community Association: Cllr Andreoli had no report to give.
- (c) Winchester District Association of Local Councils: Cllr Lander-Brinkley had attended a meeting of WDALC on 23 February. The meeting was disappointed that some communications were not being received from HALC by parish councils. WDALC would also carry out a survey of what issues member Councils wanted WDALC to address.
- (d) Hambledon and Denmead Welfare & Educational Trust: Richard Hallett. No report to receive.
- (e) Youth Partnership: Cllr Hull reported that the use of a minibus to transport young people from the MDA to the Monday and Tuesday club sessions was now an urgent requirement. Funding would need to be agreed and volunteer drivers who had D1 on their license were also needed.

**114/16C Any other report which the Chairman deems urgent – NO DECISIONS can be made.**

- (a) There were no further reports tabled.

There being no further business, the Chairman declared the meeting closed at 9.45pm

The next scheduled Council Meeting is on Wednesday 6 April 2016

**PUBLIC SESSION**  
**Full Council – 24 February 2016**

1 member of the public present

Mr Gibbs, a resident of The Heath, wished to raise a number of matters with Council.

- a) He urged Council to be forceful in resolving the boundary anomaly at the Heath Field
- b) He had recently taken over as the Neighbourhood Watch co-ordinator for Denmead. He was looking to grow and improved the schemes currently in operation.
- c) The annual Spring Clean would be held on Sunday 10 April. He urged all Councillors to take part in the event.
- d) The annual Charity Cycle Ride would happen on 23 July. One of the supported charities would be the Hambledon and Denmead Welfare & Educational Trust
- e) Healthy Walks would start on 10 May and be held weekly until the start of August on either a Tuesday or Thursday evening.